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ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION HONORS OUR FALLEN OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES

Phoenix, AZ, Monday, May 1, 2023 – This week, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission observes Peace Officer Memorial Week to honor the devotion and dedication of our officers who put their lives on the line for their communities across Arizona every day.

"On behalf of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, we honor four brave officers that lost their lives during their service to their communities," stated Commission Chairman, Steve Stahl. "We are truly grateful to all of our men and women in law enforcement who embody tradition, honor and service, and risk their lives on a daily basis for our safety."

In Arizona, approximately 14,500 sworn peace officers put their lives on the line daily to protect their communities. Since 1865, Arizona has seen 383 officer deaths, and in 2022 alone, we will add four more names to the list:

- <u>Sergeant Richard Lopez</u>
 Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
 End of Watch June 28, 2022
- Police Officer Adrian Lopez, Sr.
 White Mountain Apache Tribal Police Department, tr
 End of Watch June 2, 2022
- Police Office Jesus Delaluz "Chuy" Lara, III
 Casa Grand Police Department
 End of Watch January 4, 2022
- <u>Detective Jason H. Southard</u>
 Tucson Police Department
 End of Watch November 26, 2021

Event information

Memorial Service begins at 7 P.M.
Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza
1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Registration begins at 5:30 P.M.
On the Senate lawn of the Arizona State Capitol

"At the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, we join with our fellow Arizonans to acknowledge and honor these brave officers that gave their lives serving their communities. Whether from COVID or in the line of duty, they are heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for Arizona," said Andrew T. LeFevre, executive director of ACJC.